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9. KOREA. North Korean jets fly combat missions: The North Korean 1st Air Division, equipped with MIG-15 jet fighters, is flying combat missions over Korea, according to preliminary field analysis of a recent North Korean air message. One of the North Korean division's regiments is stationed at Antung, and the other is possibly at Anshan in the Mukden area. (SUEDE CINCFE SIB 431, 28 Jan 52)

Comment: The entry of this North Korean jet air division into combat follows a recently observed expansion of North Korean air activity.

Utilization of airfields deeper in Manchuria for combat jet aircraft has been suggested on at least two recent encounters by the altitude and direction of flight of the enemy jets leaving Korea across the Yalu River.

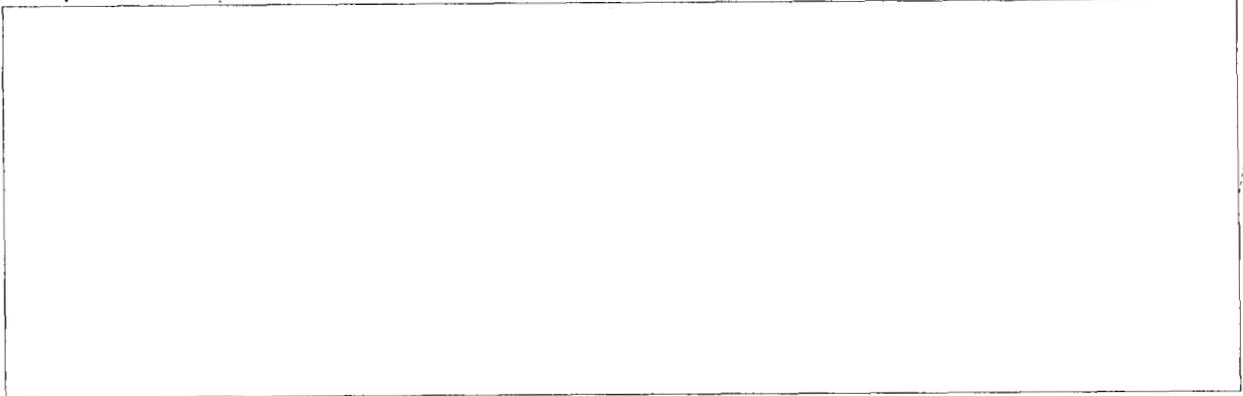
While no definite connection can be established, it is worth noting that the North Korean Air Force radio circuit between Pyongyang and Sinuiju was exceptionally active during the period 25-27 January.

10. North Korean fear of Chinese Communist interference indicated: A North Korean message between two unidentified units, instructing the recipient on the handling of a captured pilot, cautioned that the pilot "should not be snatched from you by Chinese comrades." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Group Korea, CM IN 7625, 29 Jan 52)

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Comment: While communications intelligence supplies isolated instances of Sino-Korean friction, there is no evidence available to indicate that Chinese interference with Korean units has become a major problem.



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